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Alexandria, VA 22313**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed on or within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application or prior to receipt of a first Office Action.

Applicant also provides a copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) for this application's parent case PCT/JP2003/012709 for the Examiner's convenience. The relevance of the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 is indicated in the International Search Report.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitutes "prior art." If it should be determined that the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document. Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed

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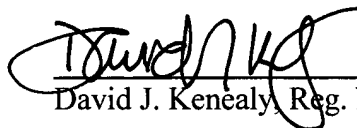
documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Applicant's representative's Deposit Account No. 50-2821. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3).

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